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SUBJECT: REDUCTION AT TAINAN AIRBASE

REF: TAIPEI 1028

1. YOUR SURMISE THAT SEPTTEL IS REFERENCE B IS CORRECT.
2. DISCREPANCY OVER RESIDUAL USAF PRESENCE AT TAINAN RESULTS FROM USE OF DIFFERING STATISTICAL INFORMATION BY NUMEROUS AGENCIES AND OFFICES WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, USAF RESIDUAL PRESENCE WILL BE NO MORE THAN 75, INCLUDING CIVILIANS. THIS IS FIGURE THAT WAS PROVIDED BY USAF HEADQUARTERS AS REQUIRED FOR CARETAKER STATUS AND, ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER IT TOO HIGH, WE RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED. FIGURE OF 75 INCLUDES TEN PERSONNEL FOR WRM SITE, ALTHOUGH FINAL APPROVAL OF THIS FUNCTION IS STILL OUTSTANDING.

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3. WE ARE SEEKING PROMPT USAF ISSUANCE OF EXECUTE

ORDERS REDUCING PRESENCE TO 75 AT TAINAN. WE ARE ALSO
WORKING FOR REMOVAL OF NAVY DETACHMENT AT TAINAN AND
BELIEVE DOD AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE DIFFICULT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THE 15 ARMY
PERSONNEL AT TAINAN AS NO ONE HERE SEEMS TO HAVE A
CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

5. ONCE WE GET TAINAN BASE DOWN TO AUTHORIZED LEVELS --
I.E., 75 USAF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES -- WE
WILL HAVE TO COUNT ON EMBASSY TO SEE THAT INTENT IS
NOT CONTRAVENED BY TDY OR OTHER SUBTERFUGES.

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